for the term 1997-98. The Government of India have taken several steps to apprise other Governments of our just and well-deserved candidature. These measures include approaches in various capitals and to diplomatic missions in New Delhi, presence in regional summit meetings and interaction through special envoys to foreign capitals and visitors to New Delhi. The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations is also continuously engaged in this effort, as required. All Member States of the United Nations, with whom India has diplomatic relations, have been contacted in this regard. The elections to the non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council are expected to be held in end-October 1996, during the 51st session of the UN General Assembly.

Aircraft carriers with Indian Navy

1430. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of aircraft carriers with the Indian Navy at present;

(b) whether there are plans for the procurement of more of modern aircraft carrier for the Navy;

(c) whether there are also plans for manufacturing of such aircraft carriers within the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and how the Government propose to make up the deficiency in the absence of modern aircraft carriers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The Indian Navy has two aircraft carriers viz. INS Viraat and INS Vikrant. Of the two, INS Vikrant is now due for decommissioning and, therefore, needs to be suitably replaced. INS Viraat, the other aircraft carrier, is also planned to be modernised in order to improve her fighting capability.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). In view of the imminent decommissioning of INS Vikrant, there is a proposal for outright acquisition of an aircraft carriers. There is also a proposal for construction of an Air Defence Ship to serve as replacement for INS Viraat.

AIDS

1431. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cases of persons suffering from HIV-I and II positive infection in the country are increasing rapidly;

(b) if so, the number of AIDS (HIV Positive cases) presently detected in Delhi and other States during the last three years, till date;

(c) the names of the hospitals in Delhi where facilities for AIDS test are available;

(d) the funds allocated to Delhi for the current year to control AIDS;

(e) whether the Delhi Government has fully utilised these funds;

(f) if so, the heads under which these funds have been utilised;

(g) whether the Government have received any complaints during this period about the misappropration of these funds;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) With better surveillance facilities, there is an increase in the number of HIV cases being reported by States/UTs.

(b) Statement - I giving yearwise/statewise reported HIV +ve (positive) cases is enclosed.

(c) A list is enclosed as Statesment - II.

(d) to (f). An allocation of Rs. 423.39 lac has been approved for Delhi NCT for different components of the National AIDS Control Programmes such as Programme Management, Surveillance Blood Safety, STD,Training, IEC etc. The schemes are under implementation.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) (i) Does not arise.

STATEMENT - I

S. No.	Name of the State	1993 +ve	1994 +ve	June 1995 +ve	Up to 1996 +ve
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	47	-	72	2
2.	Assam	1	1	128	16
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-
4.	A and N Islands	-	-	82	3
5.	Bihar	2	-	-	14
6.	Chandigarh	46	-	19	4
7.	Punjab				
8.	Delhi	173	86	-	43
9.	Daman and Diu	-	-	8	0
10.	D and N Haveli	-	-	-	1
11.	Goa	128	33	395	57